

E. PALESTINE VILLAGE COUNCIL MONDAY 3/26/18 85 N. MARKET ST. 7PM

Mayor Zuch called the meeting to order. Present was Mr. Cohen, Mr. Hall, Mr. Simpson, Mr. Todd, Mr. Walker and Mr. Yokley. Also present was Village Manager Pete Monteleone, Law Director Dave Powers, Finance Director Traci Thompson and Clerk Misti Martin. The minutes of the Regular and Development Committee meetings of 3/12/18 were approved on a motion by Mr. Walker seconded by Mr. Cohen. At this point Mr. Simpson made a motion to amend the agenda to add Ord. 5-2018 regarding Municipal Income Tax seconded by Mr. Walker, all in favor. There were no department reports.

AGENDA: DON ELZER DOWNTOWN PROPERTIES & FINES. Mr. Elzer began by saying that 10 years ago the downtown area had approximately 50% of the building empty and a lot were in disrepair. In the evenings the downtown was empty, there were never people around. Since then there have been many changes including upgrades at the Library, the Brittain mural project, the liquor store moved downtown, two antique store opened in abandoned buildings, 1820 House took over and remodeled a building, the street moved back downtown, we have two 5K races every year, the Corner Store moved into an abandoned building, the Village offices moved to a better building, and also the PNC lot, the Hot Dog Shop, the storage units, the hotel and Mason buildings among others at around a cost of roughly three million dollars. A lot of these projects were done as long term investments so in hearing the Village is considering fining vacant properties he was shocked. He said that is not how business should be done and that policy will stop businesses from coming here and are not business friendly. You will not have economic growth with policies like that.

CLERK: NO REPORT

MAYOR: Mayor Zuch reminded everyone of Breakfast with the Easter Bunny and the Egg Hunt this Sat from 9 am. And that Spring Clean Up will be held Monday April 2.

MANAGER: NO REPORT

LAW DIRECTOR: Atty. Powers stated the OPECHC litigation continues in Columbus with another hearing schedule April 11 which he and the Finance Director may have to attend. He stated the receiver is actively receiving claims and getting them processed.

STREET: NO REPORT

SAFETY/PARK/REC/CEM: Mr. Cohen stated Council received a request from DOSS Petroleum for a C1/C2 carry out permit. Atty. Powers stated the request was for a change in corporate ownership through a marital division of assets so the license must be re-applied for. Mr. Cohen made a motion to approve the request seconded by Mr. Walker. All in favor. Mr. Cohen stated council received the minutes from the recent Park Board meeting, he said the food truck event that was scheduled for May 19 is going to be rescheduled.

DEVELOPMENT: NO REPORT

UTILITY: Mr. Todd stated we received the final plans for the water project and they have been submitted to the EPA. WW Superintendent John Jurjavcic stated they are meeting with the EPA this Thursday and they should have the 30% WW project plans.

FINANCE: NO REPORT

THERE WERE NO VISITORS COMMENTS ON CURRENT LEGISLATION:

VISITORS: Fire Chief Josh Brown, John & Dot Herbert, Jerry Coblentz, Terry Keresty, Dave Biggins, Jim Williams, Police Chief Jim Brown, Rick & Karen Gorby, John Davis, Brock Jurjavcic, John Simon, Charlsi Lehamn, John Jurjavcic, Don & Dianna Elzer, Terri Ward & Katie White.

LEGISLATION: Mr. Simpson introduced Ord. 3-2018 for a first reading and made a motion that it be read by title only seconded by Mr. Cohen. **An ordinance establishing usage fees for the East Palestine Park and amending section 248.05 of the codified ordinances of the Municipality of East Palestine.** Mr. Simpson introduced Ord. 4-2018 for a first reading and made a motion that it be read by title only seconded by Mr. Cohen. **An ordinance authorizing the Village Manager to execute an encroachment agreement concerning a utility easement and authorizing the village zoning officer to issue a certificate of occupancy.** (In reference to 130 Concord Dr.) Mr. Simpson introduced Ord. 5-2018 for a first reading and made a motion that it be read by title only seconded by Mr. Cohen. **An ordinance to further amend Chapter 882 of the codified ordinances of the Village of East Palestine regarding Municipal Income Tax.** Mr. Cohen questioned what exactly the changes the ordinance was in reference too. Atty. Powers stated it was the changes are basically just a technicality making us compliant with state law. Finance Director Traci Thompson said it only in reference to where and how businesses can file and that it wouldn't affect us very much.

ADJOURN: Mr. Walker made a motion to adjourn seconded by Mr. Cohen. All in favor, meeting adjourned.

MISTI J. MARTIN CLERK

MAYOR MARGO ZUCH